

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 12-26 are pending in the present application.

Priority

Applicant respectfully notes the Examiner's acknowledgment of the Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document in parent application Serial No. 09/616,378.

Drawings

The drawings have been objected to for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Quayle Office Action dated January 21, 2004. Enclosed are three (3) red-inked Annotated Marked-Up Drawing Sheets, wherein Figs. 1(B), 2(B) and 7(B) have been corrected to respectively denote L1, L3 and L2, and wherein Figs. 7(A) and 7(B) have been denoted "PRIOR ART". Also enclosed are seven (7) Drawing Replacement Sheets incorporating the above noted drawing corrections. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and approval of the Replacement Drawing Sheets and to withdraw the objection to the drawings.**

Specification

The Examiner has asserted that there is no description in the specification of layer 301 as illustrated in Fig. 3(D). However, reference numeral 301 in Fig. 3(D) is described as a second wall in the paragraph bridging pages 12-13 of the original application. **The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to acknowledge that**

the specification provides the necessary description.

The Examiner has also requested amendment of the specification on pages 6, 11 and 14, as stated on page 2 of the Quayle Office Action. However, the specification has already been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner in the Preliminary Amendment filed along with this application on September 11, 2003. A courtesy copy of the Preliminary Amendment, and a postcard receipt provided as evidence that the Preliminary Amendment was received by the U.S. Patent Office, are enclosed herewith. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that the specification is acceptable and that further amendment thereof is unnecessary.**

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action Summary Form PTOL-326 as received along with the Quayle Office Action dated January 21, 2004, indicates that claims 12-26 are objected to. However, since the Examiner has acknowledged on page 2 of the Quayle Office Action that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and since no rejections of the claims are currently outstanding, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-26 should be allowed. Applicant also respectfully notes that claims 1-11 have been canceled in the Preliminary Amendment. **Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the present application to issue as including allowed claims 12-26.**

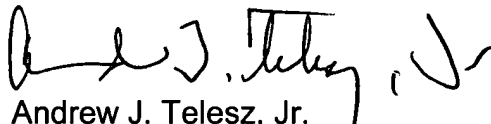
Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Three (3) red-inked Annotated Marked-Up Drawing Sheets
Seven (7) Drawing Replacement Sheets
Copy of Preliminary Amendment dated September 11, 2003
Copy of dated, stamped postcard receipt